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Interim Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1939.

Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Bridgwater.
September, 1940.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bridgwater.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st. December, 1939.

In consequence of the war, and on the instructions of the Ministry of Health, it is an interim report only. Vital statistics are not included, as the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General have not yet been received.

The health of the Borough during the year under review has on the whole been satisfactory. The influx of evacuated children in September caused an increase in the number of cases of Scabies, Impetigo, and Pediculosis. In the later months there were many cases of Scarlet Fever and epidemics of Measles and German Measles, but these could not be attributed to the evacuation. The type of Scarlet Fever was mild, and the cases of Measles were mostly free from complications. German Measles was especially rife amongst adults.

DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1939.

	total notified.	No. admtd. to Isolatn. Hosp.
Scarlet Fever.	32	28
Puerperal Pyrexia.	4	4
Pneumonia.	25	-
Erysipelas.	3	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	3	-
Measles.	221	1
Whooping Cough.	1	-

Water supply. During the year further precautions have been taken to ensure the purity of the water supply.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. HARVEY BIRD,

Medical Officer of Health.